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1. The Auto-Independenta Factory (formerly Ford), on Strada Floreasca in Bucharest, which is presently controlled by the Rumanian Army, is engaged in the repair of used automobiles. Approximately thirty-five thousand used automobiles have been brought to Rumania from Eastern Germany. This plant is repairing a large number of these vehicles which it is believed, despite the absence of any official statement, will be assigned to the Rumanian Army.
2. This old Ford Factory was originally used for the assembly of Ford automobiles imported into Rumania. In 1944 the Soviet authorities took over the plant, thereafter handing it over to the Rumanian Government. In early December 1950 this factory was secretly transferred to the Rumanian Army. The plant is now heavily guarded and work on the repair of automobiles has been speeded up.

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